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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
Edwards AN ACT

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relating to the supervisory authority of the Texas Water Rights
Commission over certain water districts; amending Section 6.074,
Water Code; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. Section 6.074, Water Code, is amended to read
as follows:

"Sec. 6.074. CONTINUING RIGHT OF SUPERVISION OF DISTRICTS
CREATED UNDER ARTICLE III, SECTION 52, AND ARTICLE XVI, SECTION
59, OF THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION. (a) The powers and duties of all
districts and authorities created under Article III, Section 52,
and Article XVI, Section 59, of the Texas Constitution, are subject
to the continuing right of supervision of the State of Texas, by
and through the Texas Water Rights Commission or its successor.

"(b) The commission may:

"(1) inquire into the competence, fitness, and
reputation of the officers and directors of any district;

"(2) require, on its own motion or on complaint by
any person, audits or other financial information, inspections,
evaluations, and engineering reports;

"(3) issue subpoenas for witnesses to carry out its
authority under this subsection;

"(4) institute investigations and hearings using
examiners appointed by the commission; and

1 "(5) issue rules necessary to supervise the districts."

2 "(c) [~~tb~~] The provisions of this section shall not apply
3 to any river authority encompassing 10 or more counties which was
4 not subject to the continuing right of supervision of the State
5 of Texas, by and through the Texas Water Rights Commission or its
6 predecessors, on June 10, 1969."

7 Sec. 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded
8 condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and
9 an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule
10 requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house
11 be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this
12 Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and
13 it is so enacted.

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